

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005:** H.R. 1220, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; **Pages H5749–54**

**Making permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program:** H.R. 2385, amended, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; **Pages H5754–56**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program. **Page H5756**

**John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building"; **Pages H5756–58**

**Vincent Palladino Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2183, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office"; and **Pages H5758–59**

**J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex Designation Act:** H.R. 2630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex". **Pages H5759–60**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 14.

**East Asia Security Act of 2005:** H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China; **Pages H5760–64**

**Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring the veterans of WWII:** H. Con. Res. 191, amended, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War; and **Pages H5764–66**

**Condemning the terrorist attacks in London, England on July 7, 2005:** H. Res. 356, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in London, England, on July 7, 2005. **Pages H5766–68**

**Water Resources Development Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 346, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to author-

ize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by voice vote. **Pages H5768–72**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened at 1:54 p.m. **Page H5772**

**Energy Policy Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy. **Pages H5772–77**

The House began consideration of the Capps motion to instruct conferees on the bill. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 14. **Page H5777**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no votes or quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS—CHINA NATIONAL OFFSHORE OIL MERGER—UNOCAL CORPORATION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Held a hearing on national security implications of the possible merger of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation with Unocal Corporation. Testimony was heard from C. Richard D'Amato, Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

### COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

**Committee on Education and the Workforce:** Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness began mark up of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

### TREASURY'S REPORT—TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT

**Committee on Financial Services:** Held a hearing entitled "Treasury's Report to Congress on the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA)." Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

### ENTREPRENEURIALISM AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "From Bureaucrats to Plutocrats: Can Entrepreneurialism Work in the Federal Government?" Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO; former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt L. Gingrich of Georgia; and a public witness.

### IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and

Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security." Testimony was heard from Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. AND RUSSIA BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROGRAMS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Engineering Bio-Terror Agents: Lessons from the Offensive U.S. and Russian Biological Weapons Programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

#### FEDERAL LANDS—MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL USE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint hearing entitled "Motorized Recreational Use on Federal Lands." Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Small Business Development Centers: New Offerings for a New Economy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action H.R. 3200, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005.

#### USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3199, the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005.

#### Joint Meetings

#### YUKOS AFFAIR

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission met to receive a briefing regarding the political and business implications of the prosecution and imprisonment of Russian Yukos Oil Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) Mikhail Khodorkovsky from Peter Roudik, Senior Foreign Law Expert, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Leonid Nevzlin, Tel Aviv, Israel.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitors Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine military justice and detention policy in the global war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Treasury's report to Congress entitled: "Assessment: The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002", 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Thomas Weimer, of Colorado, and Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, each to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's business strategy for operation and management of the national park system, including development and implementation of business plans, use of business consultants, and incorporating business practices into day-to-day operations, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator, Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, and Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to discuss preparing an effective and immediate public health response in the aftermath of a terrorism attack, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to